City of Cambridge

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 30, 1985

HEARING - PROPOSED MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHOOL PLAYGROUND AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ON HAYES AND MAGEE STREETS

At six o'clock and twenty-three minutes p. m. the City Council proceeded to conduct a hearing at the request of the Community Development Department in accordance with Chapter 789 of the Acts of 1981 in the City Council Chamber.

The City Council was in receipt of a communication from City Manager, Robert W. Healy, dated December 30, 1985 together with copies of documents and letters pertaining to the proposed CDAG application to build a playground at the Martin Luther King, Jr. School property in Riverside.

The proposal was the subject of a legal advertisement in the Cambridge Chronicle on December 12, 1985 which reads as follows:

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
Office of the City Clerk.

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Chapter 789 of the Acts of 1981 that the City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 30, 1985 at 6:00 P. M. in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, Cambridge, MA on a proposal to apply to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Communities and Development for $140,000 in Community Development Action Grant funds for the following purposes:

1. To build a playground at the Martin Luther King School on a site located on Magee Street (Lots 119 and 120, Block 121);

2. To leverage $400,000 in private funds to build six units of affordable housing on a city-owned site adjacent to the school grounds located on Hayes Street (lots 94-97, Block 121) and Magee Street (Lots 116, Block 121);

3. To declare the site a Blighted Open Area as defined by Section 1 of Chapter 121B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

All persons interested in this matter may appear at this time and be

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heard. Questions concerning this proposal may be addressed to Michael Rosenberg at 498-9034.

By order of the City Council,

Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

The City Council heard from the Proponents and the first speaker, Michael Rosenberg, Director of Housing for the Community Development Department, detailed the request for $140,000 proposal to provide for a playground adjacent to the Martin Luther King, Jr. School and the construction of six units of affordable housing cn a city owned lot adjacent to the school on Hayes Street and Magee Street, and urged favorable action on the proposal.

Pablo Calderon, representing the Riverside Cambridge Community Corporation, 217 Western Avenue, Cambridge recorded that organization in favor.

Major Brooks of 155 Western Avenue, Chairman, Riverside Cambridge Community Corporation, recorded himself in favor of the proposal to provide affordable housing ownership for residents of the area.

Ted Live of 73 Harvard Street recorded his approval and stated, that at the present time the area in question presently used as a parking lot, was in a run down condition and not properly policed and a haven for old cars, that the funds would provide for playground equipment and that a coordinated garden site could become a reality if the proposal was approved by the City Council.

Michael Rosenberg informed the City Council that the proposal required the City Council to designate the area as a blighted area and submitted an order which included this designation for consideration by the City Council.

The hearing for the proponents was closed at six o'clock and thirty-four minutes p. m. and the Chair requested the opponents to appear.

No one responded at the call of the Chair who then declared the hearing closed at six o'clock and thirty-five minutes p. m.

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Mayor Francis H. Duehay moved that the City Council take action on the following order, the question being on adoption, to wit:

(HERE COPY ORDER FOR AGENDA ITEM NUMBER NINE) (SEE APPENDIX A ATTACHED)

On this question the roll was called and resulted as follows: (SEE APPENDIX B)

YEAS:	Mayor Duehay, Councillors Danehy, Graham, David Sullivan, Walter Sullivan, Vellucci and Wolf	- 7
NAYS:	None	- 0
ABSENT:	Councillors Clinton and LaRosa	- 2

and the order was -

Adopted.

At this time Councillor Graham made a motion for suspension of the rules in order to move reconsideration, hoping that the same would not prevail.

The question now came on suspension of the rules - and on a voice vote the rules were -

Suspended.

The question now came on reconsideration - and on a voice vote reconsideration -

Failed.

DATE: January 13, 1986

A TRUE COPY:

ATTEST:- Paul E. Healy

Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

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APPENDIX A

Agenda Item No. 9

IN CITY COUNCIL

December 30, 1985

WHEREAS: Riverside Cambridgeport Community Corporation (RCCC), a non-profit community development corporation located at 217 Western Avenue, Cambridge, with the assistance of the Community Development Department, proposes to construct houses for lower-income families on land owned by the City of Cambridge located on Hayes Street (Lots 94-97, Block 121) and Magee Street (Lot 116, Block 121) adjacent to the Martin Luther King School; and more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto (the Property); and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge School Committee and School Department wish to cooperate with the City and the Riverside Cambridgeport Community Corporation in the development of a playground at an alternative location at the Martin Luther King School site; and

WHEREAS: The housing site is a Blighted Open Area due to its predominantly open character, deterioration of site improvements and facilities, and abandonment of improvements not feasible to complete without public assistance and which is detrimental to the safety, health, and welfare, of the community; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the property be declared a "Blighted, Open Area" as defined by Section I of Chapter 121B of the Massachusetts General Laws; and be it further

ORDERED: That an Application be submitted to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Communities and Development for funding assistance to construct the playground and provide other open space improvements as are feasible to the Martin Luther King School; and be it further

ORDERED: That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such application with the Executive Office of Communities and Development, to make any amendments to the application or the program proposed in such application as may be required, to provide such additional information, furnish such documents and execute such contracts as may be required, and to act as the authorized correspondent and representative of the applicant in connection with said application; and be it further

ORDERED: That the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Secretary of Communities and Development be and hereby are assured of full compliance with all assurances and understandings as may be required.

In City Council December 30, 1985.
Adopted by a yea and nay vote:-
Yeas 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Present 0.
Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- Paul E. Healy

Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

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APPENDIX B

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council 12/30/ 1985

Councillor Fordham moved Adoption - Resolution -

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mr. Daniel J. Clinton			✓	
Mr. Thomas W. Danehy	✓			
Ms. Saundra Graham	✓			
Mr. Alfred W. LaRosa			✓	
Mr. David E. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Walter J. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Alfred Vellucci	✓			
Ms. Alice K. Wolf	✓			
Mayor Duehay	✓			
	7	0	2	0

Order Adopted -

Church is target of fifth break-in

By Vicki White
Staff writer

For the fifth time in a little over a year, offices in the Old Cambridge Baptist Church were broken into last week, prompting some who work in the building to charge that the break-ins were politically-motivated.

Noting that "items of value were left untouched" in all of the break-ins, Betsy Sowers, moderator of the church, said the break-ins seemed to be connected to the activism of the church and organizations that rent church offices on Central American issues.

In last week's break-in, offices of the Central America Solidarity Association, the New Institute of Central America, the Old Cambridge Baptist Church, the Cambridge Rent Control Coalition, and the pastor were all broken into. The only items reported missing were two telephone answering machines and a small camera. In several of the offices, file cabinets, desk drawers and mail were opened.

Jim Wallace, a member of the church's sanctuary task force, said there seemed to be "an extreme level of coincidence" between specific actions by the church and break-ins soon afterward. As an example, Wallace cited the church's announcement that it would grant sanctuary to a woman from El Salvador, which was followed by a break-in.

Wallace noted that the pattern was not limited to Cambridge.

"These incidents are not simply random acts by street people," Cambridge City Councilor David Sullivan told reporters gathered for a press conference called by the church Tuesday. He said the break-ins seemed to represent a pattern of political intimidation.

Sullivan said some thought should be given to requesting a congressional investigation into what appears to be a pattern of break-ins into organizations who do not support current U.S. Central American policies.

According to Cambridge City Manager Robert Healy, the Cambridge Police conducted an investigation into the earlier breaks. He said, however, that they were not able to arrest any of the perpetrators.

Healy said he would meet with Police Chief Anthony Paolillo to discuss any further action the city should take on the matter.



OPEN HOUSE—The Longfellow National Historic Site, 105 Brattle St., will hold a Christmas open house on Tuesday, Dec. 17, from 7 to 9 pm, featuring refreshments. The site is the home of the poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. For information, call 876-4491.

On Simplex

Forest City to meet with residents

By Tom Ehrenfeld
Staff writer

Forest City Developers, the planned developers of the former Simplex site in Cambridge, will be meeting with residents, business people, and city officials on December 19.

"At the meeting, Forest City will present an update on the status of its project, which includes plans for the renovation of 26 Lansdowne St. and information of the Enviromental Impact Report that is being prepared," said Project Developer Drew Leff of Forest City.

Formerly the site of the Simplex Wire and Cable Co., the approximately 20 acres of land have been a source of debate for years on the city council. It is one of the last remaining large parcels of land in the city to be developed. The Forest City plan, dubbed "University Park," is a comprehensive development proposal for the area.

Currently Forest City is attempting to implement its project amid protests from some area residents and city officials that more housing and light industrial space should be developed, while others are calling for completion of the project in order to fill the space which has been desolate for years.

The meeting will be held from 5:30 to 7 pm on December 19 at the Central Square Library.

Library videos detail East Cambridge life

Within a couple of days, something new will be added to the social history archives of the Heritage Center Library — two videotapes about life in Cambridge.

"For the GLory of the Saints" is a half-hour format exploration of the Saints Cosmas and Damien Festival. "East of Inman" is a five-minute segment on the small shops which line Cambridge street east of Inman Square. Both tapes were produced with access television in mind, but with an eye to their continuing value as a cultural record of the East Cambridge community.

The tapes resulted as part of a unique collaboration between the Cambridge Public Library's Heritage Center and Harvard University's Committee on Degrees in Folklore and Mythology. For several years, cooperation between the two groups has been close — follklore students did research in East Cambridge with Heritage Center assistance, while Center Director Lou Carreras appeared as a guest lecturer at Harvard several times.

Professor Hugh Flick was interested in curriculum material which would add a local and immediate interest to folklore classes at Harvard.

"As Heritage Center director, I was looking for material which could expand the meaning of the Heritage Center and serve a large population," Carreras says. "We agreed that our products should be designed to serve the interests of the general public as well as the needs of Harvard students.

"We hope that these materials will find an audience on access television, at Harvard and at public schools," Carreras adds. "The tapes will also serve the archival function of preserving glimpses of Cambridge life for the future."

The actual archival holdings at the Heritage Center will include large amounts of video tape not used in the presentations but held because they possess valaue as a social record.

The first two tapes will be added to as projects now in production are completed. One project in preproduction is a video about the Visitation of the Seven Churches. This Easter tradition is no longer observed in Cambridge but continues to live in the memories of residents.

"A goal of all our projects will be to record and preserve Cambridge's cultural diversity and to present that diversity to the public," Carreras says.

RCCC, day care center sell Xmas trees

The Children's Cooperative Day Care Center and the Cambridge Rent Control Coalition will sponor a Christmas tree sale on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 10 am to 6 pm.

The sale will be held at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave.

Schools seek ways to prevent drop-outs

Cambridge School Committee members, in an effort to comply with recently enacted state laws, have invited parents, teachers, students and community people to join with them in forming a Drop-Out prevention Advisory Council.

Under the new State Education Improvement Act, Chapter 188, 25 percent of the funds appropriated by the state for educational progress will be earmarked for plans to prevent students from dropping-out of school.

Cambridge School Committee Chairman, Mayor Francis Duehay explained, "The statute requires that school committees applying for Chapter 188 funding appoint a drop-out prevention advisory council comprised of administrators, teachers, parents, students and representatives of business labor, higher education, and other community agencies. Council members must also be broadly representative of the racial and ethnic diversity of the community."

Schools Superintendent Robert Peterkin noted that students leaving school before completing their studies have averaged over 4 percent over the past several years. "While the vast number of programs offered by the Cambridge Schools and our effort to provide programs and services to meet each student's needs are designed to reduce drop-outs, our ultimate objective is for all students to complete their school career, Peterkin said. The formation of the drop-out prevention council and its ensuing results will be a strong support to our efforts to further reduce drop outs," Peterkin added.

Duehay said that the school committee is unanimous in support of the creation of the drop-out prevention council. He urged those wishing to participate, to contact School Committee Secretary Clair Rodley at 498-9251 or the School Public Information Office at 498-9237 for additional information.

Duehay said that the state grants will be awarded on a competitive basis to school districts with a high concentration of students from low income families and documented high school drop-out rates for the most recent three years. He added the intent of this legislation is to provide local school districts with additional resources beyond already existing federal, state, and locally supported education and drop-out prevention programs.

How to avoid 'holiday blues'

"Only 30 more shopping days 'til Christmas, comes the cheerful reminder over the air waves."

You groan.

Everyone else appears to be joyfully rushing off to parties and department stores. Hundreds of lights illuminate the trees on the Common, holly and wreaths appear in public places and private homes, strains of Christmas carols are heard throughout the day. Decorations are up...and you are down...a victim of the Holiday Blues.

You are not alone. "In fact, the Holiday Season is a very demanding and stressful time," says Virginia Klisiewicz, director of Health Education at Youville Hospital in Cambridge. "There are great pressures all around us to make Christmas 1985 a most memorable, happy time. When we don't quite fit into that mold, the blues can set in."

Holiday blues are characterized by sadness, demoralization and/or despair. "It is probably normal to experience these feelings at some point during the holiday season," adds Klisiewicz.

Not even children are immune from the stresses of holidays. Their routines are interrupted and their anticipation is running high. Children, too, are often disappointed, not only because of presents not received, but because everything was not perfect for them either.

Often we return to family settings during the holiday season and instead of it being a time of celebration, it often evolves into a time when the same old, unresolved problems arise, causing anger, hostility and bitterness.

Our Christmases don't live up to our expectations. They probably never have, but often we forget the pain of Christmases past and remember only the visions of the sugar plum fairies!

Klisiewicz offers the following suggestions for coping with the Holiday Blues:

• Try to keep in mind the true spirit of Christmas. Then try to give that spirit of love and peace to others and also, very importantly, to yourself.

Do something nice for yourself, just for you, that will bring joy into your life. This may mean sitting down in front of the tree with a cup of egg nog and reading or, perhaps, scheduling lunch with an old friend. Ask yourself, what would you really like to happen for you. This is not selfish, but rather it is realizing that in order to be nurturing to others, you must first nurture yourself.

• Carry out those preparations which you can realistically manage and let go, without guilt, those which you cannot. You don't have to be a super Santa Claus to everyone!

• Don't forget to use your "gift of humor" to distance yourself from awful situations. If you can use a little humor while standing in long lines or while doing other holiday chores, it may save you from headaches, backaches or other physical strains.

• Exercise regularly and get the necessary amount of sleep that you need. Don't let this go because of other "demands." You need both to operate at an optimal level.

• Learn stress management techniques. Try deep breathing exercises. Simply take a deep breath in and consciously exhale all the cares that you are holding. Do this a few times during the day. Or else close your eyes and imagine yourself in some peaceful place out in nature. Try to really get into it by smelling the smells and hearing the sounds of the scene you imagine.

• If you are feeling down, go with it rather than fighting it. Remember that sadness is as legitimate a human emotion as is joy and happiness. This does not mean that you have to wallow in the sadness, but realize that it is quite natural to feel sadness at some periods in your life. If it lasts for an extended period of time, it can be helpful to talk these feelings out either with a trusted friend or counselor.

"Keep in mind that the purpose of the holidays is the sharing of Christmas joy with others," Klisiewicz concludes. "Slow down and take time out to simply enjoy your friends and family."

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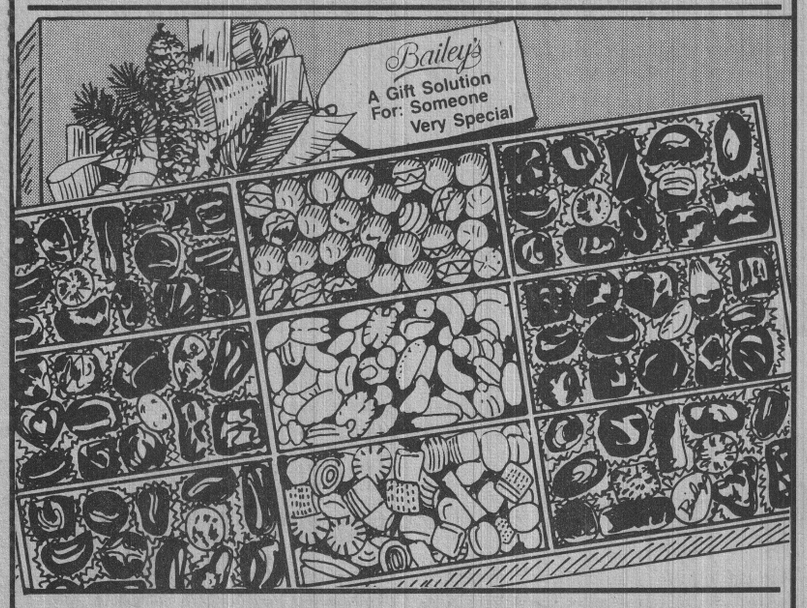

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8th news

Believe it or not, **Joe Kennedy II** isn't the only one running for the Eighth Congressional District, although, so far, only he and peace activist **Carla Johnston** have actually made it official.

All of that changes today when **Robert Cappucci** announces that he will try again for the 8th as a Republican. Unannounced GOP hopefuls include Cambridge's **Clark Abt** and Dr. **Mildred Jefferson** of Boston, a vocal opponent of abortion.

Cappucci's announcement will be made at 10:30 am at the Ramada Inn in East Boston.

News from other CD hopeful camps:

• Democrat **Vincent P. McCarthy**, a Boston attorney and human services activist, has appointed former Mass. Gay Political Caucus lobbyist **Peg Lorenz** to serve as volunteers coordinator for his campaign. She's the former director of the Women's Resource Center in Lawrence, which offers support for victims of domestic violence.

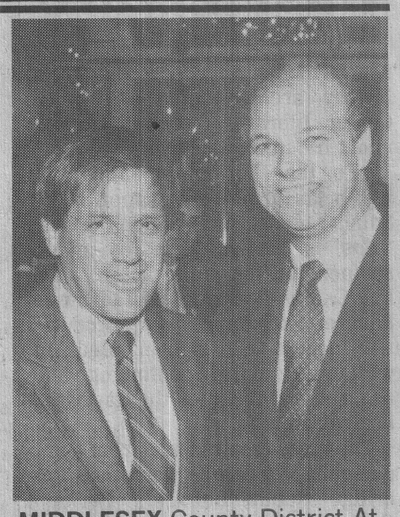
• **James Roosevelt Jr.** (he's a Democrat, too — more closely related to his grandfather, **FDR**, than to the Republican President Roosevelt, **Teddy**) recently held fundraisers in Boston and Washington, DC, and says his campaign is off to a flying start. The Cambridge resident is an attorney and serves as general counsel to the Democratic State Committee.

Roosevelt raised $31,000 in a combo fund-raiser and birthday party (he's 40) in Boston. Sponsors included **Michael** and **Joanne O'Neill** of Cambridge (he's the Speaker's son), former Lt. Gov. **Edward J. McLaughlin**, Back Bay attorney **Cathy Douglas Stone** (now-remarried widow of Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas), **Joseph** and **Rhoda Fantasia** of Cambridge, **Alison** and **Peter Lauriat** of Watertown; one-time (John and Robert) Kennedy aide and historian **Arthur Schlesinger Jr.**; **Henry Morganthau III**, son of the candidate's grandfather's secretary of the treasury; television somebodies **Janet Langhart** and **Eileen Prose**; Middlesex County DA **Scott Harshbarger**; US Rep. and state Democratic Chair **Chester Atkin**; **Leon Braithwaite**, former head of the Mass. Commission against Discrimination; and **Jim King**, late of Harvard, now of Northeastern, who was emcee for the night.

The DC fundraiser was hosted by another O'Neill offspring, son**Kip** and his wife, **Stephanie**, as well as "New Republic" Editor **Martin Peretz** of Cambridge and Washington, and **Joseph L. Rauh Jr.**, who also served in FDR's administration.

• By the way, as recorded in the photos shown here, Middlesex DA **Harshbarger** is nothing if not careful to cover his political bases, since he also made an appearance at State Sen. **George Bachrach**'s 34th birthday last week. Bachrach is another as-yet-unannounced 8th CD would-be. Maybe Scott plans to retire from public life and go into the balloon-a-gram business.

• Finally, here are a few words of welcome from the **Eighth Congressional District Republican Council** to the aforementioned **Joe Kennedy**'s entrance into the 8th battle: "Once again, another Kennedy egotistically feels that he is heir apparent to the Eighth District seat," said CDRC Executive Director **Stephen Meyers**. "While the Kennedy name is synonymous with politics, it is also synonymous with outdated liberal ideas. The voters of the 8th District are too smart politically to vote for a candidate just on the basis of his name.... I am sure that when the voters of the 8th District (examine his stand on the issues), they will realize that Kennedy is just another politician in a crowded field of tax and spend, tax and spend liberal Democrats that represent the far left wing of the Democratic Party."



MIDDLESEX County District Attorney Scott Harshbarger of Cambridge was among those in attendance at a recent fundraiser for Attorney James Roosevelt, right, of Cambridge, who is running for Democratic nomination for the Eighth Congressional District.

In the mail

You know, speaking again of the DA, **Scott Harshbarger** sure is one public-spirited public servant. Apparently concerned about not wanting to overspend taxpayers' dollars, Scott sent us a round-up this week of recent indictments by the Middlesex County grand jury in an envelope whose return address read: "The Scott Harshbarger Committee."

Wasn't that nice of him to save an official county envelope?

Happy holidays

State Sen. **Michael LoPresti Jr.**, D-E. Boston, held a holiday get-together recently at the Dante Alighieri center in Cambridge, attended by more than 200 persons.

The event featured food and refreshments and dance music with a disc jockey.

"It was a great way to kick off the holiday season in Cambridge and I am hopeful that htis will become an annual event," said the solon.

It's the law

Bachrach, meanwhile, is pleased that Gov. **Michael S. Dukakis** has signed into law a Bachrach-sponsored bill which is designed to ensure that public housing projects, built as veterans' housing some years back, remain available as low-income units for their occupants.

The new law changes an old requirement that would have forced the state to sell many occupied public housing units. It will take effect early next year.

"With today's housing crisis, we cannot afford to lose any affordable units," said the Watertown solon. "This bill protects public housing units built after World War II from being sold by the state once the bonds that financed them have been paid off."



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS—More than 600 friends and supporters joined Senator George Bachrach at his 34th birthday party, December 2, at the Watertown Greek Community Center. Among those attending were (left to right) James Canavan of Cambridge celebrating his 79th birthday; Mindy Arbo, caterer and owner of Savoir Faire of Watertown; State Sen. Gerard D'Amico of Worcester; Bachrach; State Sen. Sal Albano of Somerville; Rep. Mary Jane Gibson of Belmont and Arlington; and Middlesex County District Attorney Scott Harshbarger.



VISITORS—House Majority Leader Charles Flaherty was host to fifth grade students from the Morse School on their recent visit to the State House. Accompanying the students were teachers Joseph Pagliaro and Joseph Goodwin.

Cityscapes

Clouds

Everyone knows what a cloud is, but no two people agree on what a cloud resembles. Besides being a fluffy puff of white that hangs in the sky, clouds are also blank canvasses upon which we paint reflections of our mind's eye.

Much the same could be said of the new sculpture recently completed in the center of Harvard Square.

A granite cluster of three pillars with abstract slabs affixed atop and between the three spires, the sculpture blends in with the colors of the square. A familiar faded crimson matches the rustic bricks of that school behind the gate, and the paler gray of the asphalt matches the longer slabs which support the top cut-outs.

Created by sculptor Dmitri Hadzi of Cambridge, the piece is designed to blend in with its environment.

"I was greatly influenced by the surroundings of Harvard Square. The shapes and colors," he said last week. "That's why if you look at it it fits in so well — it's not discordant."

Hadzi said that he chose the name "Omphalos" for the work because it is Greek for center, or navel. Having lived abroad for some years, Hadzi said that when he returned to Cambridge, "I was struck by the intensity and high density of educational institutions all within the area of a few miles."

"I related it to Delphi in Greece — which was the navel or center of the universe," said Hadzi, who teaches at Harvard. "I thought that Harvard Square should be seen as the center of the educational universe."

"I believe it should be a public sculpture and something the public should enjoy. I keep discovering things in it myself."

Hadzi did not create the work to serve as a granite Rorschach test to Cambridge pedestrians. It need not necessarily resemble anything in particular, and stands alone on its own merits.

Yet, for many of the wandering pedestrians in "the new Harvard Square — artsy, theatrical, self-conscious, pluralist" (according to Globe architectual critic Robert Campbell), "Omphalos" is something more than an abstract monument to the intellectual center of humanity.

I thought the sculpture could have been a cosmic road sign or a Giacometti doodle. I enjoyed the shapes of some of the pieces and the movement of the whole work, yet felt a little confused by the unpredictability of the shapes. I found that ultimately I did not have strong feelings about the sculpture, relating to it as I would to meeting a foreigner for the first time.

Others had their own opinions.

"I think it reminds me of a neo-Maoist post-Kantian nightmare," said Harvard student John Keene, throwing a quick glance at it as he scurried across the street.

Susan Ciccone, who stopped pushing her blond-haired son in a stroller to look at the work, said, "It reminds me of a giraffe.... t kind of looks like a zoo sculpture — with a lion over there, and a giraffe, and an elephant." She paused after this, looked down at her impatient toddler, and smiled, "I kind of look at things differently now."

Divinity school students Emily Scudder and Dave Bailey were the only pedestrians in a 20-minute span to actually stop and walk around the piece, looking it over from every angle, regarding it as something to be seen and not seen through.

"I really like it," said Emily. "It fits in with the surrounding buildings. It adds to this area because there's so much around that's trendy and nasty."

"I like the organic nature of the columns as opposed to the more two-dimensional stuff at the top," Dave said thoughtfully. "It reminds me of ruins."

"It's like a bunch of road signs put together," commented Leah Langefeld, who performs as a musician in Cambridge bars. She modified her remark by explaining, "I'm not one who understands modern art. It's not for me."

"I like it," said law school student Paul Kazanoff. "It's warmly abstract. The materials are very warm. It invites you to look at it — and the shapes at the top are sort of whimsical."

Steve Lewis had a slightly different experience than Kazanoff: "It reminds me of Christmas depression because all the presents are there on a pinnacle where they might fall off."

And Emmlyn LeRoy, a student at North Cambridge Catholic High School, hardly broke her stride as she made for the bus. "It's interesting," she said as she rushed by. "What is it?"

—*TOM EHRENFELD*

Letters to the editor

Wake up

Because I know best, the people of the City of Cambridge, I am deeply concerned for all the people herein over the question of Godly fear and the Christian Religion. This causes me, as a minister in the African Orthodox Church, to invite every resident of Cambridge to give serious thought to his or her relationship with God, and with His Son, Jesus Christ as an unavoidable imperative in our human life. Indeed, it is an awful pity that so many of us who are alive, healthy, and independent, take our human life for granted, resolved and content to pay little attention to the role of Almighty God in our life, and less to the life of Christ as the redeemer, and Saviour of all mankind. We hardly remember God in our sickness, and particularly at the time of death.

There appears to be little concern for the existence of the churches in our community. We are far too tired, and too busy to be concerned with the church. We all seem to have turned our back upon these institutions, as contributing little to our daily life, and as if an inconvenience to us to have to attend on Sundays. Had the people in the days of Noah paid attention to the words of God about the flood, they would have saved their souls alive through faith in God.

Had the people of Columbia, South America, considered that the city could be devastated overnight, many would have offered up a prayer to God before the dreadful catastrophe. Indeed we know not the moment nor the hour of our death. Thus, should we belive every word of the Holy Bible; thus should we make the churches in our midst - sanctuaries wherein we pray "Abba" Father, Sunday after Sunday. Few of our children are taught the Lord's prayer of the love of Jesus Christ.

I am appealing to every resident of Cambridge to make it his or her duty to attend some church on Sunday. I am appealing to parents to help to establish strong and well attended Sunday schools for the children. I am imploring all the people of Cambridge to support the churches while we all are alive in the community. Let us show to God that we do worship and adore Him. Let us thank God for all His mercies toward us day by day.

Let us unite ourselves as a Christian and God fearing community under his banner. Moreover, may we strive to so live, that when our life on earth is ended, and we shall stand before the judgement throne, we will hear those Blessed words: "Come ye blessed of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world - enter thou into the joy of the Lord." Oh people of Cambridge, wake up! Nothing should prevent you from attending a church on Sundays.

Rawle W. Garner, Dean
St. Augustine African Orthodox Church
Allston street

Musical addendum

Thank you very much for printing the schedule for our school and community holiday concerts on the front page of your paper.

The December 19, 9:15 am, 1 pm, Morse School, grades 6-8 Chorus should read as follows:

December 19, 9:15 am and 1 pm, Morse School, Grades K-8 Choruses.

We submitted this information incorrectly. Because many parents (approximately 300) attend the programs at the Morse School, would you kindly print a correction in this week's edition.

We are very appreciative of your continued cooperation in publicizing music performances. We wish you a very happy holiday.

Anthony Apicella
Director of Music
Jean TePaske
Assistant Director of Music

Thanks

The Cambridge Food Pantry Network would like to thank the many hundreds of people who donated food to our pantries during Hunger Awareness Week. These generous donations have resulted in over 150 boxes of food being collected, and this food will be distributed to needy families and individuals who come to our pantries seeking assistance.

Our special thanks go to Mayor Duehay, the Harvard and Central Square Ministries and the Cambridge School Department for their sponsorship and organizing contributions; thanks also to the "Cambridge Chronicle" for publicizing Hunger Awareness Week so fully.

Schedules of our pantries' activities are available by calling Cambridge Economic Opportunity Committee at 868-2900.

Jay Wilson
for Pantry Network members:
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Timely thanks

Thank you for the very imformative and descriptive article on calendars (Dec. 5).

The Black Student Union of CRLS is selling the Martin Luther King Jr. commemorative calendar for 1986. This calendar, endorsed by the King Family Foundation, is an excellent Christmas gift as well as a useful item for home, school and office. It contains blocks large enough for appointments and other notations.

The Martin Luther King Jr. commemorative calendar is a photographic calendar with history of Dr. King's life and accomplishments. Fifteen percent of all sales will be donated to the King Family Foundation.

The calendar can be ordered by contacting Les Kimbrough at the CRLS Student Service Center, 1498-9206, from 8 to 11 am and 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Calendars cost $5 and proceeds will benefit the BSU Scholarship Fund. Sales will be held until January 1986.

Suzanne Bascomb

Thanks

A very special thank you goes to two great CYS coaches, Rikk Larsen and Tom Harris, for volunteering their time and setting an example of good sportsmanship for the team.

Red Team "Dirtbusters"

Remembering Joe

Many people agreed with him. Some did not. But one thing's for sure, he didn't let anything get in his way when he was fighting for justice both for the children and teachers of Cambridge. And I'm talking about the incomparable Joe Maynard.

For many years I have held the philosophy that flowers can only be smelled and appreciated by the living. The problem is that only after we have left to meet our Maker do people remember to spread the sweet fragrance of goodness. How about when it would have been most appreciated? When we're around is when we must make an effort to do good for one another. Death is a reality we attempt to avoid, and realize it often when it's too late.

I, like countless others, knew and appreciated Joe for what he was and not for what anybody might have wanted him to be. He was himself and wouldn't stand still for any conceivable social injustices attempted by any political figure. The city needs more Joe Maynards!

Like a true soldier, Joe will never die. He saw to his immortality through his never-ending fight for the people that reelected him again and again. He knew what it was to be without and understood the people of Cambridge — most particularly the ethno-linguistic/racial minorities and the poor.

People have told me that they'd go to school committee meetings just to catch Joe in his usual ongoing explanations of what was right or wrong.

Joe always wanted to see leadership that was just and which acted fairly to one and all without favoritism — something, most unfortunately, seen too often in individual insecure situations of higher echelons in organizational structures (and this applies everywhere).

How often did Joe Maynard fight for quality for the children? Always! How often did he stand up for the rights of human beings? Always! How often did he love the children? Always! How often did he stand by the many people that have had less opportunities in the past (yes, America's minorities!)? Always! He was the best, and I've told him so while he was physically with us.

Joe wasn't your typical kind of smooth-talking, tie-wearing politician. He identified with the people, fought for them and, after being re-elected (naturally!) to the School Committee again, was forced to join God's eternal plan. And, I pray (as do so many others) that he be in his rightful niche above looking upon all policy makers, school committee members, all politicians as well as all other leaders of Cambridge, the state and the nation to make sure that justice — which he so dearly loved and for which he continually fought — is always done.

I'll be seeing you some day, Joe. In the meantime, Peace be with you, brother.

Adalino Cabral
Medford

'Man of the people'

My colleague on the school committee since I began, Joe Maynard, will be sorely missed. Certainly I will miss his humanity, his kindness and his sense of fairness. But, more than this, all his efforts on behalf of bilingual education, special education, resources for the disadvantaged and, on and on, will be missed by our community. Joe was truly a man of the people, down to earth, approachable, a good Christian man. I trust that his memory will remind all of us on the committee to do our best and to always remember "the little people". I know that his effect on ;my work and commitment will continue.

Fred Fantini
School committee member

Outraged

The story on "Hail, Mary" in your November 28 issue was excellent as far as it went, but your reporter missed an important and sad part of the picture. The photograph on page one shows the sign which outraged me and other patrons at the Orson Welles: "Holy Mary, mother of God... pravy for Sex Deviates, Jews, Racists, Sinners". And this under an American flag!

How offensive this sign is to those of all religious beliefs as well as to non-believers.

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Open forum

Just thinking...

Just thinking:

Is there a quieter or more attractive short street in Cambridge than Gray Gardens East?

Or are there any better-kept or more attractive church grounds than those of the Holy Trinity Armenian Church on Brattle Street?

Eliot Spalding

Hastings Square is a favorite oasis of mine, perhaps because I played there as a boy, but more probably because it is one of the city's pleasantest places.

Not everyone likes the outdoor art at the Porter Square subway station: the heavy-hangs-over-your-head red mobile and the split-boulder sandwiches, but the verdict on the station's indoor art is almost unanimously favorable. Now if only the escalators would stop breaking down.

Joe Maynard and John Dry came from different backgrounds and had different careers, but they were alike in being gentlemen in the finest sense of the word. A teacher summed up Joe's character in a phrase when he said, "He had a heart as big as a house," and a speaker at John's funeral put it equally well when he stressed "his loving kindness."

All of Cambridge's population can be divided into two parts: those who like new concrete sidewalks and those who love and want to retain the old brick ones.

If you believe that the 1938 and 1940 campaigns that brought the Plan E charter to Cambridge were mainly led by Republicans (from Coolidge Hill or elsewhere), you are believing a myth with little foundation in fact. (Names of Democratic Plan E leaders on request).

It is always a pleasure to hear Ruth Hamilton sing.

I challenge you to name anyone more diligent in sending cards or notes of cheer to the sick or the shut-in than Freddie Miceli.

Let us pray that cable television will offer us more than merely a multiplication of the junk menus of handgun shoot-outs, car chases and bedroom clinches that seem to be the staples of commercial TV. Fifty times zero is still zero.

Cheer up. If you remember when college presidents used to warn against taking Federal money on the grounds that it would compromise academic freedom, you are younger than you think.

But if you recall the days when the height of male egotism was defined as "jumping off the Woolworth Building with a lighted cigar stuck up your rear end, thinking you are Halley's comet," then you are getting old along with me.

My idea of a model public relations man for a school department is Bert Giroux: well-informed, accurate, always helpful.

Wonder if any kids today still play a game of my youth called "Literary Salad." Points were won by identifying the authors of such verses as Thomas Hood's:

"I remember, I remember
The house where I was born,
The little window where the sun
Came peeping in at morn" etc.

Finally, speaking of poetry, when or by whom were better lines ever written than Shakespeare's:

"....We are such stuff
As dreams are made on, and our little life
Is rounded with a sleep. ..."

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Eliot Spalding is the former editor of the "Cambridge Chronicle."

Solar tax credits should be extended

The Massachusetts Residential Solar Tax Credit is due to expire at midnight on December 31, 1985. If this tax credit is not extended, Massachusetts stands to lose over 1000 solar related jobs and millions of solar related dollars.

Sharon M. Pollard

Solar energy, is a logical, economical alternative energy source for heating the hot water in our homes. Unlike many traditional forms of energy, solar is readily available to anyone with access to sunshine, and it is economically "clean." Estimates have shown that the installation of a solar domestic hot water system may save the homeowner $300 a year in fuel bills.

Ever since 1979, Massachusetts residents who purchase solar energy systems for their homes have been able to deduct a substantial portion of the cost of that system from their tax bills. Through a federal tax incentive — which is also due to expire on December 31, 1985 — taxpayers can deduct 40% of the cost of a solar system installed on their principal residence, up to a maximum credit of $4,000. After the federal tax credit is subtracted, Massachusetts taxpayers can claim an additional 35% state tax credit on the remaining cost of the solar energy system, up to a maximum of $1,000.

These tax credits helped to make solar energy an affordable alternative energy source for the Commonwealth's residents, and have encouraged the development of a strong solar energy industry. In addition, the use of solar energy systems have contributed to the Commonwealth's reduction of energy use from expensive, imported fossil fuels.

Several pieces of legislation are now pending in the Massachusetts State Senate that would extend the existing state tax credit. One bill — S2336 — would extend the credit for two years. This legislation has the support of the Dukakis Administration's Executive Office of Energy Resources and the Legislature's Joint Committee on Energy.

Currently, over 87 percent of all Massachusetts energy consumed is imported from outside the Commonwealth, amounting to a net monetary loss of $7.9 billion a year from the state's economy and a reduction in the disposable income of Massachusetts families. With the use of solar energy systems already in place, Massachusetts residents could bring $9 million back into their economy each year.

The State's Department of Revenue has projected that the existing residential solar credit will cost the Commonwealth $4.6 million in FY86. Therefore, the cumulative annual savings in displaced fuel costs is already almost **double** the cost to the Commonwealth for the tax credit.

The fate of the Massachusetts solar energy tax credit is now in the hands of the State Legislature. It is imperative to the health of our growing economy as well as to the future of solar energy in Massachusetts, that this tax credit be extended.

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Sharon M. Pollar is state Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy Resources.

More letters

Definitions

The tragic flaw in the reasoning of the leadership of Cambridge's Women Against Pornography is that the only way pornography can be deinstitutionalized is by not vainly attempting to define it. Many English dictionaries contain at least three definitions none of which will hold up in a court of law. The futile use of this word is a legal trap virtually all opponents of pornography have fallen into.

Pornography must be viewed simply as an unfair labor practice. For example, the purpose of Mass. House Bill 1400 filed in November 1984 is to prevent the production of filmed scenes that imply that male or female subjects in real life, off-stage are prostitutes! Mass. House Bill 1400 is unique because it makes no distinction between willing and unwilling porn models or players. This determination is vitally important. My bill takes the position that pornography is comparable to a disease, not unlike AIDs. In order to prevent filmed sexual harassment of innocent victims, society must protect "scabs" who voluntarily victimize themselves.

Important: Mass. House Bill 1400 can't possibly endanger free speech, free expression or the free press. It narrows its jurisdiction to cases of implied prostitution as well as clear-cut evidence of pandering by publishers and film producers. It will be a very simple matter for a jury to decide whether or not there was malicious intent by an employer to inflict a personal injury in the form of slander of an employee. Published photographs of murderers, bank robbers, wife beaters, etc. are not covered by this bill; circumstantial evidence of prostitution is.

Personally, I am strongly opposed to boycotts of any kind. I particularly object to the harassment of retailers, including 7-11 stores. Suppressing evidence that can be used by the civil courts to put pornographers out of business is counterproductive. Mass. House Bill 1400 will allow injured employees to sue pornographers for damages.

The truth is that the voters of Cambridge are being conned. Jerry Falwell and his con-artists are shedding crocodile tears; the pornography issue is being misused to inflict "God's" will upon the election process. The sad fact that Andrea Dworkin has made an unholy pact with neo-Calvinists speaks for itself.

Charles Tompkins
Belmont



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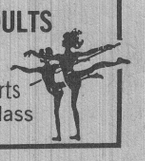

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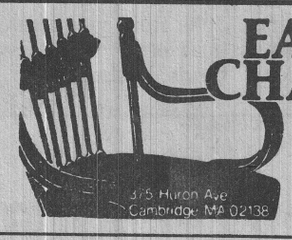

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Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Chapter 789 of the Acts of 1981 that the City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 30, 1985 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, Cambridge, Massachusetts on a proposal to apply to the Massachusetts Executive Office of Communities and Development for $140,000 in Community Development Action Grant funds for the following purposes:

1. To build a playground at the Martin Luther King School on a site located on Magee School (Lots 119 and 120, Block 121);

2. To leverage $400,000 in private funds to build six units of affordable housing on a city-owned site adjacent to the school grounds located on Hayes Street (lots 94-97, Block 121) and Magee Street (Lots 116, Block 121);

3. To declare the site a Blighted Open Area as defined by section I of Chapter 121B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

All persons interested in this matter may appear at this time and be heard. Questions concerning this proposal may be addressed to Michael Rosenberg at 498-9034.

By order of the City Council,
Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

Crime beat

Break-ins

A woman on Mount Auburn street told police on December 2 that unknown persons entered her dwelling place in an unknown manner and removed sterling silverware.

On that same day, a woman living on Francis avenue reported that upon returning home she noticed mail on the floor. Alerted to the possibility of wrong-doing, she heard the sound of running footsteps upstairs. She then called the police, who, upon arriving on the scene, discovered an opened rear window. A hi-fi amplifier and jewelry were found to be missing.

Still on the second, a man on Kelly road reported that unknown persons smashed his rear window to pieces with a brick. It is believed that those same persons then entered his apartment, for a VCR was taken from his bedroom. Found on the scene of the crime was a book with the name of a possible suspect.

On December 2 once more, a resident of Western avenue told police that two juveniles gained entrance to the building by pretending to ask for a resident. The two rogues then proceeded to the third floor and stole tropical fish from an aquarium. They also stole several three-quart containers of water.

On December 3, an Ellery street woman reported that unkown persons entered her apartment on false premises and removed approximately $400 in bills, change, passbooks, and savings bonds.

On December 4, a man living on Mass avenue said that the proverbial unknown person(s) forced open the rear door to his room and pilfered a violin.

A Pearl street woman told police on December 4 that she returned to her condo and found her lock smashed into pieces. Unknown person(s) had entered her apartment. Numerous gold and diamond jewelry pieces valued at approximately $8000 were taken.

Robberies

On December 2, an employee of Tileston Company reported that two men entered the stock assembly area and grabbed 200 wool coats. The two men then fled down the stairs.

On December 3, a person taken for a ride in a White Cab told police that he gave a driver a $50 bill for a taxi ride from Boston to Cambridge. The man reported that the driver dropped him off in Harvard Square instead of Davis Square, and drove off without giving the fare any change from his bill.

Also on December 3, an employee of Stonestreet on 1276 Mass Ave. told police that a group of about 12-15 males descended on the store. When they left, the person found that about $1200 of clothing had also left. This is the third time such an incident has occurred.

An employee of Church's Fried Chicken reported on December 3 that three men came into the office area and stated that they had a gun and wanted money. The man turned over $680 in cash. The robbers fled down Douglass street to Bishop Allen drive to Columbia street.

On December 5, a Garden street man told police that while walking down Linnean street near Garden a man approached him and said, "give me your money." The victim then attempted to flee, and was slashed in the chest by the assailant.

A woman said on December 5 that while in the Cantab lounge, unknown persons took her black shoulder bag containing a black wallet and ID's valued at approximately $1000.

A Memorial Drive woman reports that persons entered her store at 575 Memorial Drive and stole a ceramic set of autos valued at approximately $300.

Arrests

On December 3, Samuel Bard (aka) Glenn, Somerville, and Kimberly Najarian, Arlington, for larceny of $236.55, a carton of Marlboro cigarettes, and a red baseball hat from Store 24 in Harvard Square.

On December 4, Christine Rene Williams, Mattapan, for shoplifting at the Harvard Coop.

On December 4, Rafael Sanchez, 364 Rindge Ave, shoplifting at TJ Maxx.

On December 4, Robert Kennedy, Roxbury, shoplifting at the Harvard Coop.

On December 5, Douglas MacDonald, Somerville, on various warrants.

On December 6, Leroy Ward Jr., 7 Marvin Place, for breaking and entering.

On December 7, Tito Matos, 56 Willow St., and Robert Carroca, Somerville, for disorderly conduct and malicious destruction.

Cambridge aging council taps officers

The Cambridge Council on Aging has elected the following slate of new officers: Mary Samp, chairperson; Julia Ruiz, vice-chair; Pauline Hollingsworth, secretary; and Emily Lewis, treasurer.

Crime watch

Crime patterns detailed for Neighborhood Two

By Anthony G. Paolillo
Chief of Police

As Chief of Police the ability to know the future would enable me to anticipate the level of resources required to combat crime and allocate existing resources efficiently. Three years ago our crime analysis unit embarked on a crime forecasting project. Over the next few weeks we will be publishing the results of that project in this columm. In today's article Neighborhood Two will be featured.

NEIGHBORHOOD 2 - MIT area.
POPULATION: 4736
BOUNDARIES: Bounded by Main Street, Broadway, the Boston & Albany Railroad, and the Charles River.

Neighborhood Two is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of CAR 2 (A two-officer car). Also included within its borders is Car 2R (A one-officer car) and one walking route (Kendall 7). MIT Police also patrol this neighborhood. Between 1400 to 1600 calls for service are received from this neighborhood each year. Neighborhood Two accounts for 5 percent of the serious crime reported in the city each year.

Over the past five years the major crime problems in Neighborhood Two have been auto theft and larceny from motor vehicles.

Individual crime breakdown

Auto Theft: average per month - 7; predicted average month - 8.

Auto Theft is down slightly from 1984 when the average per month was eight in this area. The last two months have increased with 13 thefts per month in both October and November. Parking lots on Vassar and Ames streets have been pattern areas on numerous occasions. Toyota's, BMW's and Audi's have been the target of thieves in this area in the past.

Larceny from motor vehicles: average per month - 4, 5; predicted average month - 3.

Larceny from motor vehicle activity has increased here over the past four months. Foreign car stereos remain the favorite target. Vassar and Ames street lots are the hot areas.

Housebreaks: average per month - 0.5; predicted average month - 1.

There were only six housebreaks reported in this neighborhood in the first eleven months of 1985. In the average year, 10 to 12 housebreaks will be recorded for this area. The majority of these breaks are into dormitory rooms.

Street Robbery: averge per month - 0.5; predicted average month - 1.

From January through October there were only seven street robberies reported here. However, in November there were three robberies between 77 Mass. Ave. and Vassar street. An arrest in this area in late November of two suspects from Boston appears to have eradicated this pattern.

As projected by the Crime Analysis unit, the crimes of commercial robbery, commercial burglary and vandalism have been virtually nonexistent in this neighborhood.

Special Problems: larceny of bikes from racks around MIT, and pickpockets working the bus stop at 77 Mass. Ave.

Crime trend statistics released today covering January through November indicates that serious crime in Cambridge has risen slightly when compared with the first eleven months of 1984. There were 6,066 serious crimes reported between January and November this year while for the same time period last year 6,038 were recorded. This increase of 28 crimes represents an increase of 0.5 percent. A further analysis of crime statistics reveals that violent crime has decreased 8 percent while property crime has increased 1 percent.

FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS OF 1984

Crime	Total
Murder	5
Rape	31
Robbery	327
Assault	344
Burglary	1316
Larceny	2775
Auto Theft	1250
Index Total	6038

FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS OF 1985

Crime	Total	% Change
Murder	0	—
Rape	26	-16%
Robbery	332	+2%
Assault	295	-14%
Burglary	1260	-5%
Larceny	2991	+8%
Auto Theft	1162	-7%
Index Total	6066	+.5%

For further information on this topic contact Lt. George A. Donovan of the Cambridge Police Community Service Division at 498-9318.



JAMES B. KING of Larch road in Cambridge, senior vice president for public affairs at Northeastern University, has been elected president of the Massachusetts Cultural Alliance. King was elected president at the Alliance's October 15 annual meeting. He will serve a one-year term for the Cultural Alliance, an umbrella organization for some 250 groups and individuals involved in the arts in Massachusetts. The Alliance helps arts organizations learn more about management and political advocacy, and improve communication with others involved in the arts. King has been a member of the Alliance's board of trustees since 1982. King holds a bachelor's degree in political science and history and an honorary doctorate of laws from American International College. He has been with Northeastern since 1983.

Hero cop saves three

By Tom Ehrenfeld
Staff writer

Though he wasn't dressed in the familiar blue garb of the Cambridge Police force, Detective Robert Cloran showed his true colors during a recent vacation to Aruba.

At the time, a witness recounted, a grandson and his grandparents — Helen and Arthur Chrapowitzky — were frolicking in the waves when they were pulled out to sea by a strong undertow.

The mother of the child, and daughter of the couple, became upset when she observed this, and notified Cloran and others on the beach.

Cloran immediatly grabbed a raft, paddled out to the potential tourists to Atlantis, and brought them to shore.

The hotel Cloran stayed at recognized his heroic deed with a mention in the newsletter.

And perhaps the greatest reward for him came in the form of a letter from the Chrapowitzkys, who stated, "Thank you for saving our lives. Without your actions surely our vacation would have ended in tragedy."

Nurses, city still deadlocked

Cambridge nurses and the city of Cambridge remain deadlocked in their attempts to work out a contract.

The nurses staged an informational picket line outside the hospital last week to protest the city's latest offer for a contract this year. Negotiations have fallen through at this point, leaving the two parties to resort to an independent fact-finder to help resolve the matters.

According to city-retained labor attorney Phil Collins, the situation may not be resolved until after January. Collins said that after the two parties come up with a fact-finder, it could take a month to come to terms.

—*TOM EHRENFELD*

Cantabs

Dennis H. McCarthy of Cambridge recently received a bachelor of science degree in law enforcement from Western New England College. He is presently lieutenant detective in charge of the Vice Unit for the Cambridge Police Department.

Joanne Sylvestre, 11 John Corcoran Park, is enrolled in the nursing program at Laboure College in Boston. She is a graduate of Cardinal Cushing Central High School and attended Northeastern University.

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City of Cambridge

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council 12/30/ 1985

Councillor Toomahoy moved Adoption - Resolution -

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mr. Daniel J. Clinton			✓	
Mr. Thomas W. Danehy	✓			
Ms. Saundra Graham	✓			
Mr. Alfred W. LaRosa			✓	
Mr. David E. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Walter J. Sullivan	✓			
Mr. Alfred Vellucci	✓			
Ms. Alice K. Wolf	✓			
Mayor Duehay	✓			
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Order Adopted -

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To : Robert W. Healy **Date** December 26, 1985

From : Mary T. Flynn **Reference**

Subject : CDAG Application to leverage affordable housing by constructing a playground on Martin Luther King School property in Riverside

I am herewith transmitting the relevant documents and letters pertaining to the proposed CDAG Application and declaration of the parcel as a "Blighted Open Area." This matter is scheduled for a Public Hearing at 6 P.M. on Monday, December 30, 1985.

Since the request for the scheduling of the Public Hearing on December 16, 1985, RCCC has held two neighborhood meetings to receive suggestions from abuttors and neighborhood residents regarding this proposal. A majority of the residents favor a five unit housing development with provision for neighborhood parking. RCCC will continue to work with the neighborhood and the school community in developing the playground and homeowner selection criteria. RCCC will also work with the Community Development Department in the planning and implementation of this project and to develop limited equity cooperative ownership documents.

Attachments:
- Draft Council Order
- Request for CDAG Application by RCCC
- Project Description
- Letter from Cambridge Public School Department
- Justification for Blightdesignation
- City Manager's letter of December 16, 1985

Draft Council Order December 30, 1985

Re: CDAG Application to leverage affordable housing by constructing a playground on Martin Luther King School property in Riverside.

WHEREAS:

Riverside Cambridgeport Community Corporation (RCCC), a non-profit community development corporation located at 217 Western Avenue, Cambridge, with the assistance of the Community Development Department, proposes to construct houses for lower-income families on land owned by the City of Cambridge located on Hayes Street (Lots 94-97, Block 121) and Magee Street (Lot 116, Block 121) adjacent to the Martin Luther King School; and more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto (the Property); and

WHEREAS:

The Cambridge School Committee and School Department wish to cooperate with the City and the Riverside Cambridgeport Community Corporation in the development of affordable homes on the property subject to the development of a playground at an alternative location at the Martin Luther King School site; and

WHEREAS:

The housing site is a Blighted Open Area due to its predominantly open character, deterioration of site improvements and facilities, and abandonment of improvements not feasible to complete without public assistance and which is detrimental to the safety, health, and welfare, of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED

That the Property be declared a "Blighted, Open Area" as defined by Section I of Chapter 121B of the Massachusetts General Laws; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED

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BE IT FURTHER ORDERED

That the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Secretary of Communities and Development be and hereby are assured of full compliance with all assurances and understandings as may be required.

RIVERSIDE/CAMBRIDGEPORT COMMUNITY CORPORATION
217 Western Avenue • Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139 • 868-7230

December 20, 1985

Mr. Robert W. Healy
City Manager
City of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy,

Riverside/Cambridgeport Community Corporation (RCCC) respectfully requests that the City of Cambridge authorize an application for Community Development Action Grant funds to the Executive Office of Communities and Development.

These funds are required because the Cambridge School Committee and School Department have indicated that they will support a housing proposal on adjoining sites located on Hayes Street and Magee Street which form part of the Houghton School Parcel No., 185 as recorded in Book 11529, Page 549, Plan number 684 (B of 2) of 1968, subject to the provision of a playground on an alternate site at the Martin Luther King School.

RCCC is developing a plan in consultation with the neighborhood and the Community Development Department to construct five or six affordable houses on the above described site which is more fully described in the attached project description. We have retained an architect to work out site plans for both the playground and the housing which will meet the needs of both the school and neighborhood community.

If you require further information on this proposal, please do not hestitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Pablo Calderon
Executive Director

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December 23, 1985

AREA 5 INFILL HOMEOWNERSHIP AND PUBLIC SPACE DEVELOPMENT

Summary

Riverside Cambridgeport Community Corporation (RCCC), with assistance from the Cambridge Community Development Department, would like to develop five-six units of family housing on a vacant City-owned parcel of land on Hayes Street in Area 5 which is currently part of the Martin Luther King School property. These units would be 2-3 bedrcom and developed to be affordable by first-time homebuyers with maximum annual incomes below 80% of the SMSA median.

In addition, RCCC proposes that the City utilize this opportunity to leverage the private development funds invested for State CDAG funds to make improvements to the School Department land abutting the site. This would enhance the project itself while providing needed recreational facilities.

Structure

The type of structure planned is two-story wood frame on full foundations with exterior finish to be in keeping with surrounding buildings and styles of the neighborhood. The use of pre-manufactured housing components (such as those developed by HRI and Just A Start) has been chosen to control costs and expedite construction. All of the pre-manufactured homes under consideration meet or exceed any applicable codes or standards. RCCC will select a system that insures the highest quality design and finish for the most economical cost.

RCCC proposes that this development of 5-6 units in two separate structures be developed as a cooperative ownership opportunity which follows the successful example of recent RCCC homeownership projects and will allow for some savings in construction over townhouse units.

Site Plan

The site on which the housing is to be built is comprised of approximately 12,000 square feet.Applicable zoning regulations permit the construction of 5 units and there is sufficient open space on the site to permit off-street parking and a sizeable volume of cooperatively owned open space as well as private decks for each unit. An alternate site plan has been reviewed that would permit development of six units with adequate parking but require some zoning variances.

As this lot has been informally used by abutters to the site and as overflow parking by King School staff, RCCC is requesting that the CDD office in its application for CDAG funds for public space improvements, also include (as shown in the site plans) plans to add seven (7) parking spaces on school land adjacent to the site that would be accessible to abutters on Hayes Street and staff from the King school.

The site plan RCCC is recommending contains five units and provides for parking for these units, abutters and school staff, while maintaining a low profile, low density in keeping with the scale and density of the neighborhood.

Bedroom Mix/Tenure

It is proposed that five single family units will be provided, all with three bedrooms, two above grade and one below in finished basements conforming to all requirements. Preliminary analysis and recent comparable examples (completed by other metropolitan community development corporations) indicate that these units will be affordable by families within the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program guidelines (i.e., 80% of SMSA median income).

Use of Public Funds

The City of Cambridge is beingasked to provide the site for this development at no cost; this is necessary to insure that the final mortgage amounts are within the financiable limits of CDBG eligible families. In addition, RCCC will request an adequate amount of subsidy CDBG funds (50,000-75,000) to insure that CDBG eligible families can afford these units and that the broadest range of low-moderate income families can be qualified. As hard construction cost is expected to not exceed $70,000 per unit, these subsidies would insure a final sales price between $55,000-$60,000.

RCCC proposes to develop this project as a co-op development which may permit families who are eligible for rent subsidies to have those subsidies applied to their monthly payments toward ownership. The existing City ordinance for limited equity co-op development would be followed which would insure against "windfall" profits in the event of resale and guarantee that these units would remain available for low-moderate income neighborhood families.

Construction Costs

Firm construction costs are currently being reviewed by staff at RCCC.Final amounts will depend, along with other factors, on the specifics of construction details, construction financing costs, adaptation of RCCC's sweat equity training program (for landscaping and finishing) and economies realized through the impact of the co-op structure on design. Successful projects throughout the metropolitan area and Cambridge of similar size units (1350 square feet including finished basement) have resulted in before subsidy costs of between $65,000-$70,000 exclusive of land costs, or about $50 persquare foot. Use of manufactured components will allow for better cost control, speed of assembly, security, and guaranteed standards of finish.

Financing

Financing for co-ops is currently achieved with 'blanket' loans that encompass the entire project and of which co-op members assume a proprtionate share of costs. This structure may permit the use of rent subsidies by some participants to cover their share of costs (permitting low income families to participate in a new housing development). MHFA, the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency, is currently developing a 'share-loan' program that may be available in 1986 that would provide separate loans to individual co-op members, the aggragate of which would pay for the project. The use of MHFA funds (which RCCC utilizes in its limited-equity condominium projects) would provide lower interest charges and allow for lower income qualifying limits.

Financial Feasibility

The principal feasibility criteria for this project, as with other RCCC Apartment ownership projects, is affordability for lower income first time homebuyers. For the purpose of defining "lower-income" RCCC will use the CDBG limits established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the local SMSA area of which Cambridge is a part. Refer to addendum for current CDBG income limits and the financing ability of these limits at the current maximum allowable housing cost (as per MHFA) of 31%. The same document describes the need to reduce the actual development cost down to levels in keeping with the CDBG limits described.

Community Benefits

The benefits RCCC hopes to achieve for the community are twofold. The need for affordable housing and the disparity between the purchasing ability of low-moderate income neighborhood families and current market prices of housing are well documented. In fact, this need is the pricipal motivator behind the development of RCCC's homeownership program. RCCC maintains an ongoing list of local families in need of housing who come to RCCC unsolicited from the neighborhood. Families in small rent controlled buildings

are particularly susceptible to displacement as two and three family structures are removed from rent control by new owner occupants of affluent means. Few opportunities exist within the Riverside neighborhood to provide new, quality housing affordable by the local population. The proximity to the King School also makes a development in this location ideal for families with small children. The use of a limited equity co-op structure of ownership would guarantee that these units would always be available for low-moderate income local families. Recent limited equity condominium projects developed by RCCC on Western Avenue have been notable for pride and neighborhood commitment expressed by the participants and the enhanced sense of security achieved through self management and sweat equity.

The second benefit RCCC hopes to achieve is the improvement of public recreational facilities on land behind the King School. For some years, neighborhood residents have discussed the need for recreational space for children and parents with children on this land. RCCC views this development as an opportunity to address, simultaneously, the intensive need for family housing and that of useable play and open space. RCCC's proposal includes recommendations for development of plans by local residents for an improved community garden space combined with sitting areas for parents and play areas and equipment for children. It also proposes to site the housing units so as to provide a maximum feeling of open space and privacy and to provide adequate parking not just for the future homeowners but also, for neighboring households and school staff who may currently use the site for parking.

Schedule

RCCC would hope to start construction within the 1986 calendar year, and achieve completion no later than spring 1987. The unpridictable nature of public funds for low-moderate income housing suggest that development will not get easier over time. Application to EOCD for CDAG funds for development of the open space needs to be addressed now so that a response would be available by spring at which point, if favorable, final housing development plans could be established.

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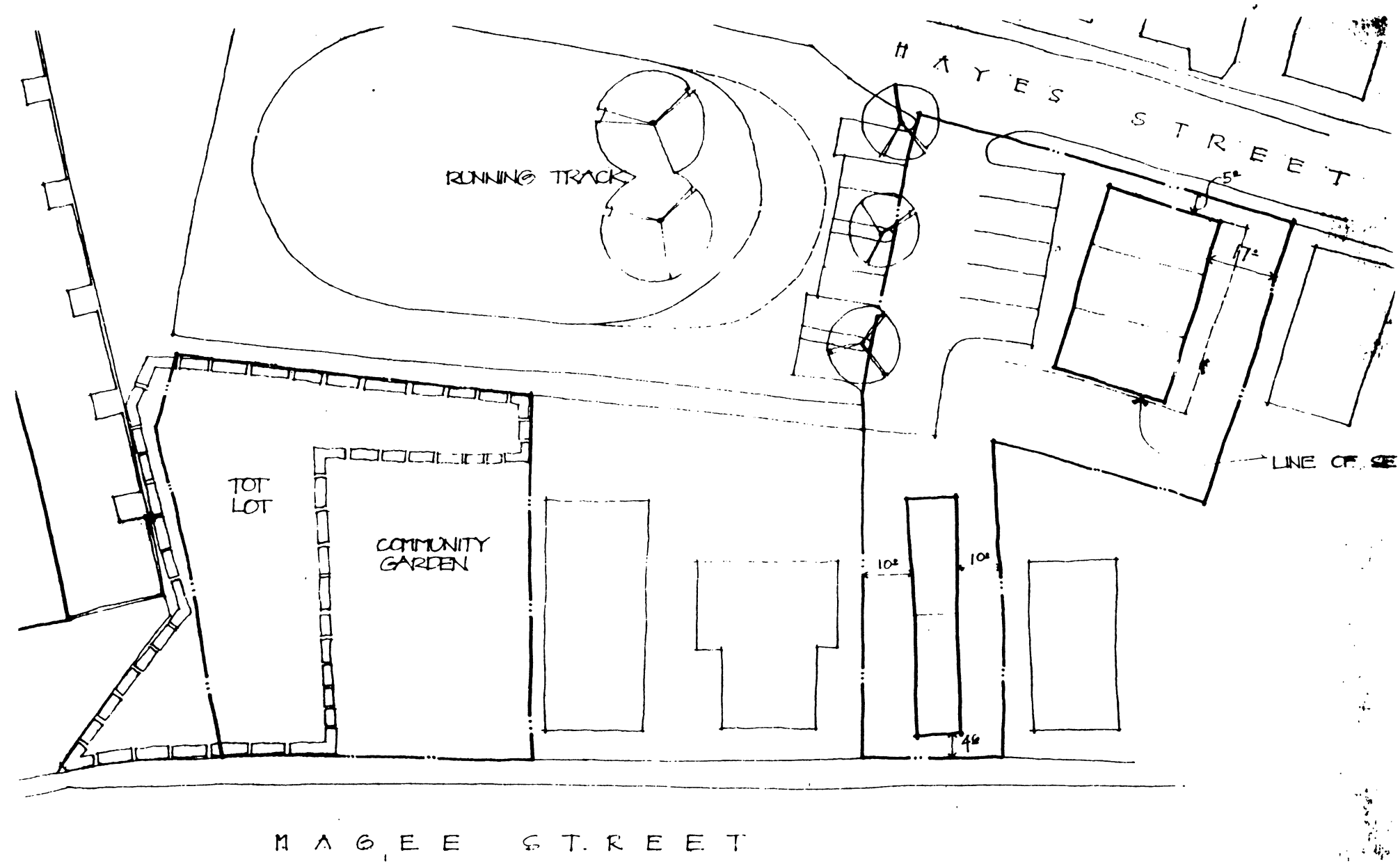
Addendum to Area 5 Infill Homeownership and Public Space Development

Proposed Development Cost and Feasibility Analysis Hayes Street Co-op Homeownership Development

CDBG Guidelines 1985-1986 for Cambridge residents

Family of:	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons
80% of Med. Income	21,750	24,500	27,200	28,900	30,600
Max. Mtge Capacity @ 31% (after taxes & co-op costs)	51,500	59,600	70,000	72,000	78,000

	At 70,000.00 no subsidy	At 70,000.00 with subsidy	At 68,000.00 with subsidy
Gross Development Costs	70,000.00	70,000.00	68,000.00
Subsidy	0	15,000.00	15,000.00
Sales price	70,000.00	55,000.00	53,000.00
less 5% downpayment	3,500.00	2,750.00	2,650.00
Co-op MHFA Share loan 95%	66,500.00	52,250.00	50,350.00
Mtge. payments (Princ. & Int.)	577.47	454.00	436.36
Taxes 2½%	146.00	114.00	110.00
Co-op fees (W&s, ins. ect.ect)	75.00	75.00	75.00
	798.47	643.00	621.36
Total monthly payments without subsidy	798.47	-	-
Total monthly payments with subsidy	-	643.00	621.36
Minimum income required	30,900.00	25,000.00	24,000.00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CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

OLIVER S. BROWN
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
PLANNING & MANAGEMENT SERVICES

159 THORNDIKE STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141
498-9253

December 9, 1985

Mr. Michal Rosenberg
Director of Housing
Cambridge Community Development Department
57 Inman Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Mr. Rosenberg:

This letter is to reaffirm our mutual understanding that the Cambridge School Committee and School Department wish to cooperate with the Cambridge Community Development Department and the Riverside-Cambridgeport Community Corp. (RCCC) in the development of affordable homes at a vacant parcel of land at Hayes Street (Block 121, Lots 94-97) adjacent to the Martin Luther King School. However, since part of the Hayes Street parcel was originally acquired by the City to provide a playground for the King School, our support for the housing construction is subject to the development of a playground at an alternate location at the King School site. We are, therefore, pleased that you will be applying for funds from the Mass. Executive Office of Communities and Development for the construction of the playground and fully suppport your efforts to obtain the necessary funding commitments for the project.

We look forward to participating in the subsequent stages of project design and development. Please keep me informed of your progress and let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Very sincerely,

Oliver S. Brown
Assistant Superintendent
Planning and Management Services

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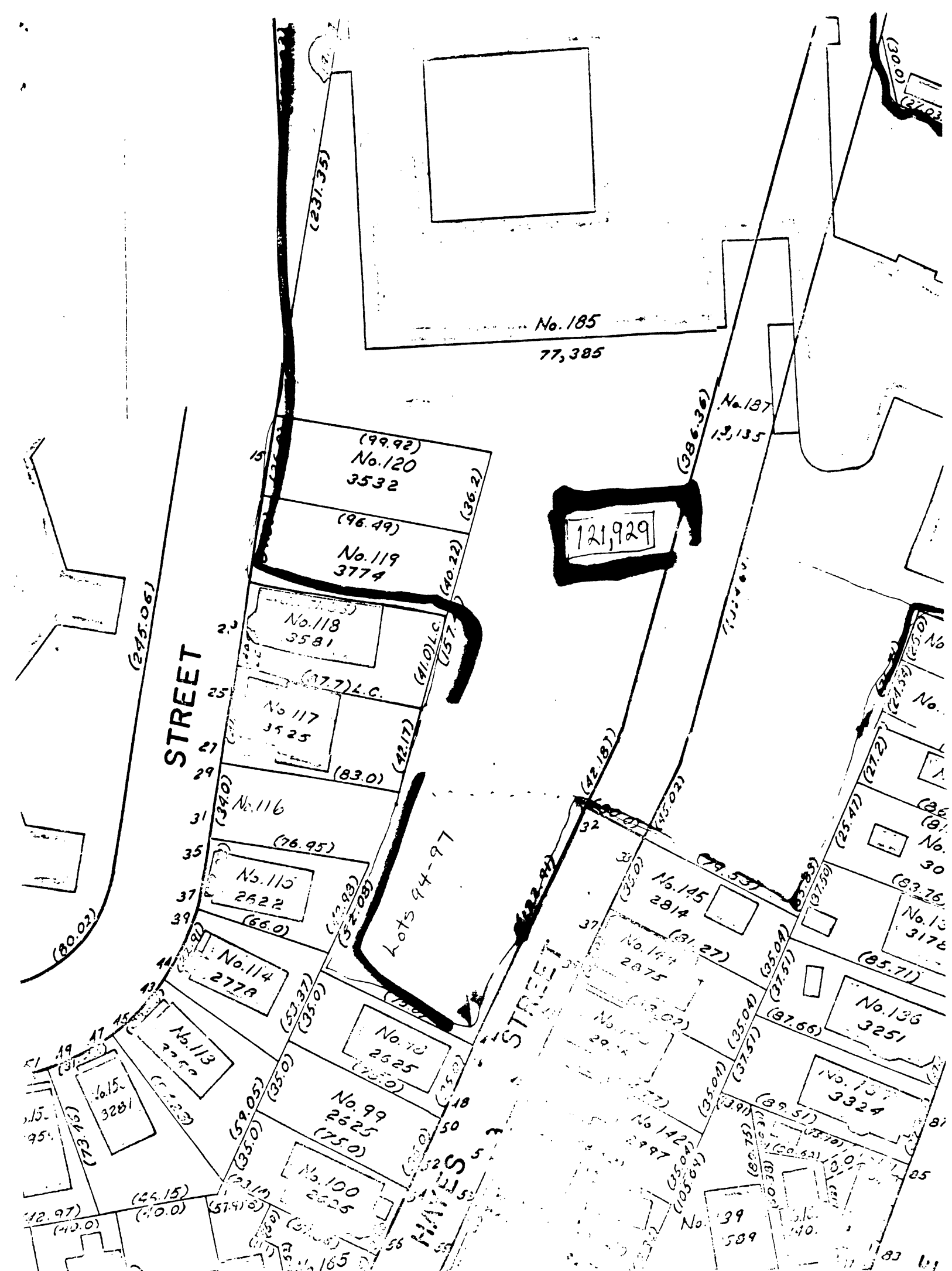

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

City Hall Annex - Inman & Broadway - Cambridge, Mass. 02139

498-9034

JUSTIFICATION FOR "BLIGHTED OPEN AREA" DECLARATION

The property, described as Lot 116, Block 122 on Magee Street and Lots 94-97, Block 122 on Hayes Street, is a predominantly open area containing no structures which is covered with deteriorating asphalt paving. The property is detrimental to the safety, health and welfare of the community for the following reasons:

1. The current use of the parcel as an unmaintained parking lot for vehicles in states of disrepair is not a suitable use of school property

2. The intended use of the parcel as recreation and open space for school children was abandoned and is not feasible to implement without the aids provided by Chapter 121B of the General Laws

3. These conditions are not being addressed by the private market because public action is required to make the area appropriate for sound development which meets a public purpose, such as the development of affordable housing for persons of low- and moderate-income, while at the same time providing for the recreation needs of both school and neighborhood children.

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139
TEL. 498-9011

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI
DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

To the Honorable, the City Council December 16, 1985

The Community Development Department is proposing that the City of Cambridge apply to the State Executive Office of Communities and Development for $140,000 in Community Development Action Grant funds to build a playground at the Martin Luther King School and to leverage $400,000 in private funds for the development of six units of affordable housing at a site adjacent to the school. The housing development will be sponsored by the Riverside Cambridgeport Community Corporation (RCCC) with the assistance of the Community Development Department.

The proposed housing site is located on Hayes Street (Lots 94-97, Block 122) and Magee Street (Lot 116, Block 122.) These adjoining lots are both owned by the City and form part of the Houghton School Parcel No. 185 as recorded in Book 11529, Page 549, Plan number 684 (B of 2) of 1968. The School Department is not currently using this land, however, and has expressed an interest in relinquishing an interest in the site provided that a small playground be built on school property for the use of younger neighborhood children.

RCCC is interested in developing new affordable housing to enable neighborhood residents to become homeowners. In order to develop affordable housing on the above described site, RCCC would need to reduce development costs by paying a nominal fee for the land. RCCC would also work closely with the City's Resident Coop Ownership Program to develop a limited equity housing cooperative to maintain affordability while providing ownership benefits.

RCCC is meeting with neighborhood residents to discuss the proposal and consider suggestions from the community. An architect is working with RCCC and the Community Development Department to prepare site plans and estimate costs for both the school recreation site and the housing site. This information is necessary for the CDAG application.

In order to receive $140,000 in CDAG funds to make the public improvements to the school property, the City must take the following steps:

1. City Council Action:

   (a) Hold a Public Hearing on December 30, 1985 with two weeks published notice;

(b) Declare the site a Blighted Open Area as defined by Section I of Chapter 121B of the Massachusetts General Laws;

(c) Authorize the City Manager to execute and file the CDAG application with the EOCD, to make any amendments to the application as may be required, and to act as the authorized correspondent and representative of the Applicant in connection with the CDAG application.

The Public Hearing has been tentatively scheduled for 6 p.m. on December 30, because of a requirement for two weeks published notice and because the CDAG grant application deadline is January 17, 1986. I request that the City Council confirm this date and time and formally schedule the hearing for December 30, 1985.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH:cdg

Draft Council Order

December 30, 1985

Re: CDAG Application to leverage affordable housing by constructing a playground on Martin Luther King School property in Riverside.

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That the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Secretary of Communities and Development be and hereby are assured of full compliance with all assurances and understandings as may be required.

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City of Cambridge

Agenda Item No. 9

IN CITY COUNCIL

December 30, 1985

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In City Council December 30, 1985.
Adopted by a yea and nay vote:-
Yeas 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Present 0.
Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- Paul E. Healy

Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

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City of Cambridge

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In City Council December 30, 1985.
Adopted by a yea and nay vote:-
Yeas 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Present 0.
Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- Paul E. Healy

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CCM-101

City of Cambridge

Agenda Item No. 9

IN CITY COUNCIL

December 30, 1985

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ROBERT W. HEALY
City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI
Deputy City Manager

December 30, 1985

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed please find copies of documents and letters pertaining to the proposed CDAG Application to build a playground at the Martin Luther King School property in Riverside. This matter is scheduled for a Public Hearing on Monday, December 30, 1985, at 6:00 P. M.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

RWH/mbf
Enc.

Agenda Item No. 9 F-434

Re: proposed CDAG Application to build a playground at the Martin Luther King School property in Riverside.

In City Council,

December 30, 1985

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